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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: LightSquared Technical Working Group Report  
IB Docket No. 11-109

Ms. Dortch:

As Mayor of one of the largest municipalities in New Jersey, I am always looking for new and innovative technologies that can help us save money. Each year we incur significant costs relating to the various communications systems we must maintain. Having learned of the potential that LightSquared's technology has to offer through its development of a nationwide 4G LTE network that does not require costly capital outlays, therefore, saving taxpayers money while providing reliable communications even during outages and emergencies where traditional communications systems may fail. Accordingly, I am submitting these comments in support of Lightsquared's application before the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission").

I believe that any new technologies such as those developed over many years by LightSquared are beneficial to both first responders and taxpayers. Not only would this technology improve the tools available to first responders in emergency situations where traditional communications networks break down, but it will create the availability of alternatives for local governments when seeking communication solutions, which will decrease costs to the taxpayers.

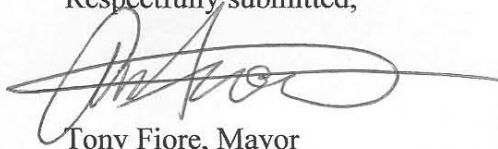
We need solutions that work well during significant emergencies that many times take place during power outages. That is why I firmly believe that the introduction of new technologies, such as LightSquared's proposed network are essential to providing reliable communications infrastructure to law enforcement and first responders.

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The Commission is more than competent to address the concerns expressed by GPS manufacturers without Congress meddling in its affairs and red tape that would hamper Lightsquared's efforts to fully bring its innovative technology to market. LightSquared has demonstrated that it has the ability to address these issues in conjunction with other stakeholders through this process and should, therefore, be permitted to move forward with its plans.

I appreciate your consideration of my comments and I am hopeful that they will be taken into serious consideration to give us the tools and alternatives we need from the currently limited number of communication systems and technologies available for use by local government entities.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Tony Fiore', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tony Fiore, Mayor  
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